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Dear Mrs. Parson and Mr. Gutman:

I wish to express our appreciation for the recent visit of Mr. Hans Fischer and for the suggestions which he offered us to improve our service to you. As a result of Mr. Fischer's visit, our understanding here of what is wanted is as follows:

1. "A" wire to be discontinued by OIC starting Monday, 14 April 1947.
2. "B" wire to take over burden of "A" wire material, running most important items as soon as possible and working others in as convenient throughout the two 8-hour shifts.
3. Mesh of formerly used "B" wire material to be eliminated, thus making room for "A" material.

Schedule for 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. shift would then be as follows:

1. Soviet news summaries, preferably Home Service.
2. London in Russian to the USSR, news summaries.
(Any "hot" news being given priority before above programs.)
3. "A" wire items, selected, including Latin American.
4. Moscow peace conference news, Soviet Home Service.
5. London roundup, "The Russian View".
6. Far Eastern Radio Highlights.
7. Remainder of Latin American file.
8. Far Eastern news, but not commentary.
9. "A" wire items. (Most important being worked in between above groups.)
10. Commentaries not otherwise covered.

Schedule for 4 p.m. to midnight shift will include the following daily features, in the sequence given:

1. Leipzig, Soviet-controlled in German to Germany, afternoon shows.
2. London in Spanish to Spain, 1645.
3. London in Spanish to Latin America, Atalaya Commentary, 1715.

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4. Madrid in Spanish to Latin America, Madrigal Commentary, 1900.
5. Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil, 1930.
6. Moscow in Spanish to Latin America, 2000.
7. Berne in English to North America, comment and press review, 2030.
8. Paris, French Home Service, Benaset's Point of View.
9. Madrid in Spanish to Latin America, Antonio Marin Commentary, press.
10. London in English to North America, press review, 2130.
11. Paris in French Overseas, French Press Review, 1730.
12. Tokyo (AFT or Tass) War Crimes Trial.

In addition, the following material will be carried when possible with no fixed timing or sequence:

13. London in Russian to the USSR.
14. Far Eastern material: China, India, Indonesia, Indochina, etc. Also Manila.
15. Latin American copy.
16. German material: Berlin, Leipzig, Hamburg, DPO, DEWA.
17. Selected items from Moscow...commentaries and conference.
18. Balkan copy (of which little is available), Czechoslovak, Polish, Austrian and Hungarian.
19. "A" wire material worked in among above groups.

This schedule has now been working for three days and seems to work out very well. We note that the emphasis is now on news rather than the background material which we had formerly considered desirable for the language desks. In view of these changes, the following information would be helpful to us.

1. How much interest is there in what Moscow tells Japan? (Example: Moscow in Japanese to Japan, commentary on "U.S. Slander of the Soviet Policy in Korea".)
2. How much of what Moscow tells other countries?
3. TASS reportage of Balkan and Eastern European events. (This is our best source for coverage of Belgrade, Hungary, etc.)
4. Features such as Moscow in Polish for abroad: "Review of Polish Affairs".

It would also be helpful to us if a single office or individual could be designated by you that our editor could contact directly to ascertain currently and quickly any changes deemed necessary by reason of the current events of the day.

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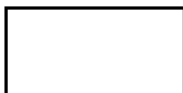
Again let me assure you that it is a pleasure to serve your office, and we are more than pleased to tailor this wire to your particular needs.

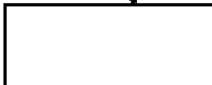
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